

Dear Friend,

The Upper Colorado Region of the Bureau of Reclamation will conduct two regional conferences aimed at expanding the dialogue on the critical water supply problems facing many of our communities throughout the West. The regional conferences, entitled ***Water 2025: Preventing Crises and Conflict in the West***, will provide the basis for a public discussion in advance of water crises and set forth a framework to focus on meeting water supply challenges in the future.

Conference locations include:

- **Utah** – Wednesday, July 16, 2003, at the Hilton Salt Lake City Center Hotel, 255 South West Temple, in downtown Salt Lake City.
- **New Mexico** – Tuesday, August 12, 2003, at the Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown Hotel, 2600 Louisiana Boulevard NE, in Albuquerque.

Both conferences will begin at **8:00 a.m. and end around 1:00 p.m. (local time)**.

Attendance at each conference is limited to 300 people, and pre-registration is required for each participant. To obtain a copy of the agenda and/or register for one of the conferences, please access one of the following sites:

- Salt Lake City Water 2025 Conference web address:
<http://www.usbr.gov/uc/water2025/ut/index.html>
- Albuquerque Water 2025 Conference web address:
<http://www.usbr.gov/uc/albuq/water2025/nm/index.html>

Water 2025 is a commitment to work with and support Western governors and local communities as they carry out realistic, community-based solutions. Reclamation, through the Department of the Interior, will focus scarce federal dollars and technical resources where they provide the greatest benefits. President Bush's FY 2004 budget calls for an initial investment of \$11 million for these efforts.

The goal of these half-day conferences is to identify the areas facing the greatest potential risk in the next 25 years, evaluate the most effective ways of addressing water supply challenges, and recommend cooperative approaches and tools that have the most likelihood of success.

Details of the entire Water 2025 initiative may be found at www.doi.gov/water2025. For additional information, please contact: [Doug Hendrix](#) via e-mail or at (801) 524-3837.

Sincerely,

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